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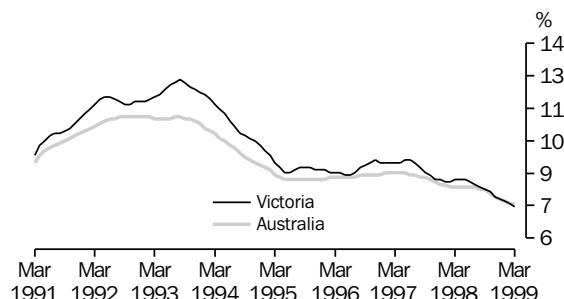
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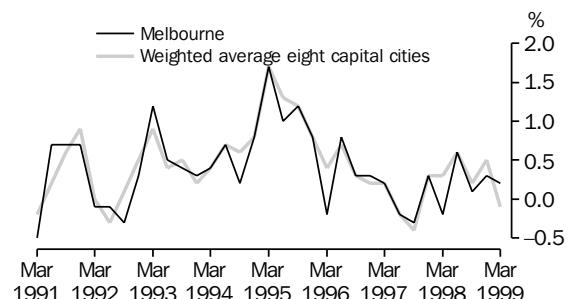
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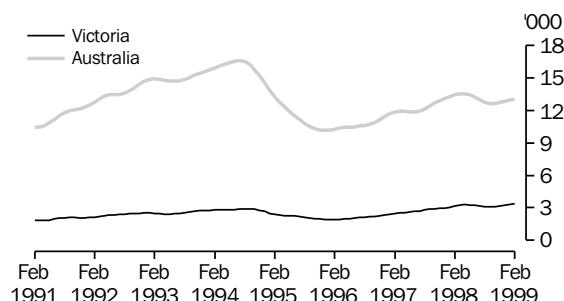
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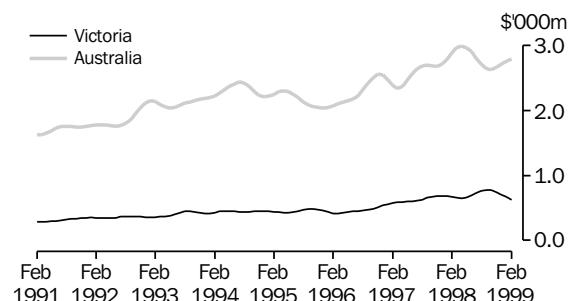
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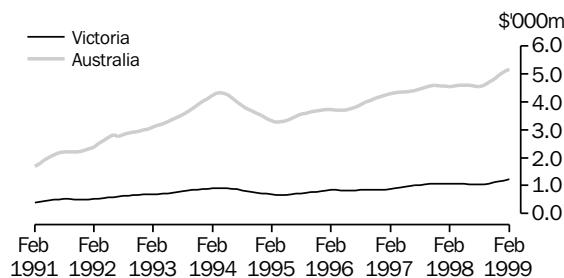
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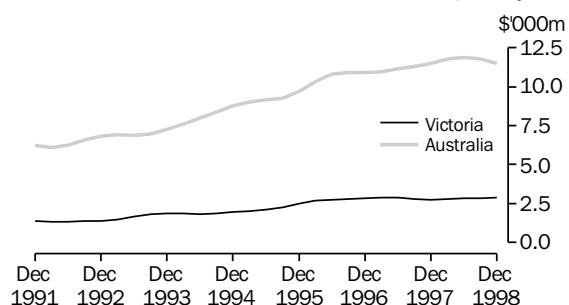
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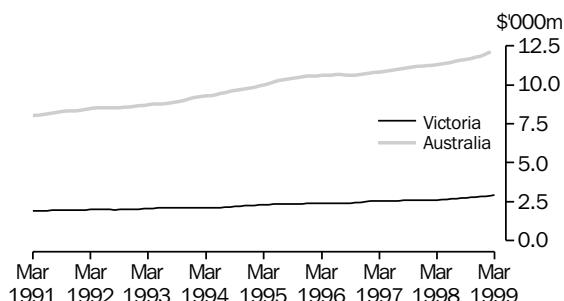
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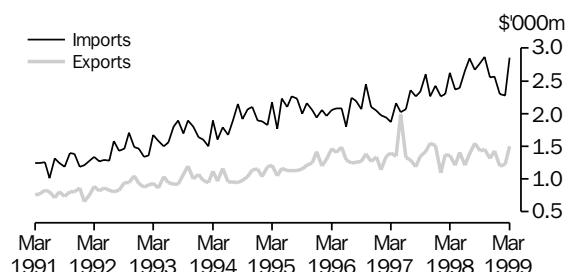
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ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION

Period	At end of period			Increase during period		Melbourne Statistical Division at 30 June(a)
	Males '000	Females '000	Persons '000	Natural '000	Total '000	
1995-96	2 252.6	2 307.5	4 560.2	28.5	42.8	3 283.3
1996-97	2 275.2	2 330.0	4 605.2	28.7	45.1	3 321.8
1997-98 p	2 303.7	2 357.2	4 660.9	28.8	55.7	3 371.3
1997						
March qtr	2 271.6	2 327.0	4 598.6	7.5	15.1	..
June qtr	2 275.2	2 330.0	4 605.2	6.8	6.6	..
September qtr p	2 282.1	2 336.7	4 618.7	6.4	13.5	..
December qtr p	2 286.8	2 342.1	4 628.9	7.7	10.2	..
1998						
March qtr p	2 298.0	2 352.1	4 650.1	7.8	21.2	..
June qtr p	2 303.7	2 357.2	4 660.9	6.9	10.8	..
September qtr p	2 310.9	2 364.1	4 674.9	6.4	14.1	..

(a) Based on the 1998 Statistical Local Area boundaries.

Source: Australian Demographic Statistics (Cat. no. 3101.0) (quarterly).

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BIRTHS, DEATHS, MARRIAGES AND DIVORCES

Period	Annual rate per 1,000 of mean estimated resident population								
	Registrations				Infant deaths per 1,000 live births				
	Births	Deaths (including infant deaths)	Marriages	Divorces	Births	Deaths	Marriages	Divorces	
1995-96	61 324	32 827	26 117	12 002	13.51	7.23	5.75	2.64	5.30
1996-97	61 232	32 570	25 664	13 046	13.36	7.11	5.60	2.85	4.46
1997-98 p	61 146	32 320	25 957	11 916	13.21	6.98	5.61	2.57	4.82
1997									
March qtr	14 941	7 472	8 101	2 810	..	..	..	..	..
June qtr	14 973	8 131	6 000	3 308	..	..	..	..	..
September qtr p	15 671	9 225	3 822	3 164	..	..	..	..	..
December qtr p	15 595	7 908	7 533	3 181	..	..	..	..	..
Year—1997 p	61 180	32 736	25 456	12 463	13.28	7.11	5.53	2.71	5.08
1998									
March qtr p	15 055	7 269	8 531	2 663	..	..	..	..	..
June qtr p	14 825	7 918	6 071	2 908	..	..	..	..	..
September qtr p	15 550	9 131	3 913	3 188	..	..	..	..	..

Source: Demography, Victoria (Cat. no. 3311.2) (annual). Australian Demographic Statistics (Cat. no. 3101.0) (quarterly).

Month	Employed		Unemployed looking for work		Labour force	Not in labour force	Civilian population 15 years and over		Unemployment rate	Participation rate				
	Full-time Total	Total	Full-time	Part-time			Total	'000						
	'000	'000	'000	'000			'000	'000						
MALES														
1998														
January	1 058.8	1 190.6	102.1	20.4	122.5	1 313.1	487.6	1 800.7	9.3	72.9				
February	1 069.0	1 207.2	96.3	20.7	116.9	1 324.2	478.6	1 802.8	8.8	73.5				
March	1 059.9	1 211.6	97.6	19.4	116.9	1 328.5	476.3	1 804.8	8.8	73.6				
April	1 065.0	1 217.8	90.3	18.4	108.7	1 326.5	480.4	1 806.9	8.2	73.4				
May	1 064.0	1 222.6	93.8	16.1	109.9	1 332.6	476.3	1 808.9	8.3	73.7				
June	1 052.4	1 218.1	92.6	12.4	105.0	1 323.2	487.8	1 810.9	7.9	73.1				
July	1 059.9	1 217.4	89.3	13.7	103.0	1 320.5	492.4	1 812.8	7.8	72.8				
August	1 050.0	1 206.8	87.4	16.5	103.9	1 310.8	504.0	1 814.8	7.9	72.2				
September	1 073.4	1 236.2	88.0	18.5	106.5	1 342.7	474.0	1 816.7	7.9	73.9				
October	1 062.5	1 218.4	81.4	17.5	98.9	1 317.3	501.9	1 819.2	7.5	72.4				
November	1 056.5	1 218.9	83.3	13.9	97.2	1 316.1	505.5	1 821.6	7.4	72.3				
December	1 076.5	1 237.3	80.7	19.3	100.0	1 337.3	486.8	1 824.1	7.5	73.3				
1999														
January	1 061.1	1 219.8	89.0	17.0	106.0	1 325.9	500.4	1 826.2	8.0	72.6				
February	1 085.5	1 231.2	94.5	16.2	110.7	1 341.9	486.5	1 828.4	8.2	73.4				
March	1 083.1	1 238.3	81.9	17.1	99.0	1 337.4	493.2	1 830.5	7.4	73.1				
FEMALES														
1998														
January	515.1	897.6	61.1	28.8	89.8	987.4	895.2	1 882.6	9.1	52.4				
February	528.5	917.9	63.1	27.9	91.0	1 008.9	875.7	1 884.6	9.0	52.4				
March	521.8	929.6	61.2	32.8	94.0	1 023.5	863.0	1 886.5	9.2	53.5				
April	533.1	941.7	57.4	29.0	86.3	1 028.0	860.5	1 888.5	8.4	54.3				
May	524.2	939.0	55.2	24.5	79.6	1 018.6	871.8	1 890.4	7.8	54.4				
June	524.3	945.7	53.1	30.8	83.9	1 029.6	862.8	1 892.3	8.1	53.9				
July	536.9	944.8	54.0	29.0	83.0	1 027.8	866.5	1 894.3	8.1	54.4				
August	537.9	954.2	50.4	31.0	81.4	1 035.7	860.6	1 896.3	7.9	54.3				
September	535.2	957.8	58.2	32.0	90.2	1 048.0	850.2	1 898.2	8.6	54.6				
October	530.6	942.7	47.3	27.1	74.4	1 017.2	883.4	1 900.6	7.3	55.2				
November	520.1	941.0	49.8	27.2	77.0	1 017.9	885.0	1 902.9	7.6	53.5				
December	543.7	954.0	48.4	27.0	75.4	1 029.4	875.9	1 905.3	7.3	54.0				
1999														
January	533.9	915.4	52.2	24.0	76.2	991.6	915.7	1 907.2	7.7	52.0				
February	531.6	929.5	54.6	32.1	86.7	1 016.2	893.0	1 909.2	8.5	53.2				
March	525.8	936.6	48.1	32.2	80.3	1 016.9	894.3	1 911.2	7.9	53.2				
PERSONS														
1998														
January	1 573.9	2 088.1	163.1	49.2	212.4	2 300.5	1 382.8	3 683.3	9.2	62.5				
February	1 597.5	2 125.1	159.4	48.6	208.0	2 333.1	1 354.3	3 687.3	8.9	63.3				
March	1 581.7	2 141.2	158.7	52.2	210.9	2 352.1	1 339.3	3 691.4	9.0	63.7				
April	1 598.1	2 159.5	147.7	47.3	195.0	2 354.5	1 340.8	3 695.3	8.3	63.7				
May	1 588.2	2 161.6	149.0	40.6	189.6	2 351.2	1 348.1	3 699.3	8.1	63.6				
June	1 576.7	2 163.8	145.7	43.2	188.9	2 352.7	1 350.5	3 703.2	8.0	63.5				
July	1 596.8	2 162.2	143.3	42.7	186.0	2 348.3	1 358.9	3 707.1	7.9	63.3				
August	1 587.9	2 161.1	137.8	47.5	185.4	2 346.4	1 364.6	3 711.0	7.9	63.2				
September	1 608.6	2 194.1	146.2	50.4	196.6	2 390.7	1 324.2	3 714.9	8.2	64.4				
October	1 593.0	2 161.1	128.7	44.6	173.3	2 334.5	1 385.3	3 719.7	7.4	62.8				
November	1 576.6	2 159.8	133.1	41.1	174.2	2 334.1	1 390.5	3 724.5	7.5	62.7				
December	1 620.2	2 191.3	129.2	46.3	175.4	2 366.7	1 362.6	3 729.4	7.4	63.5				
1999														
January	1 595.0	2 135.2	141.2	41.0	182.2	2 317.4	1 416.1	3 733.5	7.9	62.1				
February	1 617.1	2 160.8	149.1	48.3	197.4	2 358.1	1 379.5	3 737.6	8.4	63.1				
March	1 609.0	2 175.0	130.0	49.3	179.3	2 354.3	1 387.5	3 741.8	7.6	62.9				

Source: Labour Force, Victoria (Cat. no. 6202.2) (quarterly).

Industry division	Nov 1997 '000	Feb 1998 '000	May 1998 '000	Aug 1998 '000	Nov 1998 '000	Feb 1999 '000
MALES						
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	55.3	67.3	61.7	52.0	51.8	57.9
Mining	*3.3	*3.1	*3.6	*2.2	5.3	*3.8
Manufacturing	251.2	248.3	243.4	247.1	244.3	259.0
Electricity, gas and water supply	10.0	11.7	12.7	13.8	12.0	13.4
Construction	116.5	122.1	128.9	127.2	132.1	125.7
Wholesale trade	88.4	92.7	104.9	99.2	85.8	86.5
Retail trade	158.5	160.2	151.2	152.4	165.1	170.1
Accommodation, cafes and restaurants	37.7	32.2	39.8	41.2	39.9	42.4
Transport and storage	73.7	83.4	79.3	72.6	75.6	78.5
Communication services	22.5	22.2	22.3	25.1	26.4	28.5
Finance and insurance	46.5	42.6	40.3	43.9	50.4	45.4
Property and business services	131.7	131.1	135.6	149.7	148.4	138.3
Government administration and defence	38.4	37.5	36.2	35.9	31.4	28.6
Education	53.1	49.4	50.1	41.4	38.4	40.4
Health and community services	39.9	36.7	40.3	38.4	45.0	46.6
Cultural and recreational services	28.4	28.5	26.6	25.6	26.5	25.1
Personal and other services	42.8	38.5	45.7	39.3	40.3	41.2
Total	1 197.9	1 207.2	1 222.6	1 206.8	1 218.9	1 231.2
FEMALES						
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	30.7	35.1	31.7	26.5	25.3	28.8
Mining	*0.4	*0.3	*0.3	*0.8	*0.2	*0.0
Manufacturing	107.7	95.5	98.4	95.3	91.4	98.3
Electricity, gas and water supply	*2.0	*2.6	*3.0	*3.7	*2.5	*2.7
Construction	15.9	16.6	13.7	17.6	18.2	16.5
Wholesale trade	41.6	39.7	40.8	46.7	40.6	40.2
Retail trade	159.0	161.5	157.5	156.5	161.5	167.6
Accommodation, cafes and restaurants	48.0	46.6	49.2	49.2	49.9	43.8
Transport and storage	18.9	20.0	18.3	16.3	19.7	22.1
Communication services	16.0	14.3	12.5	13.9	13.2	10.9
Finance and insurance	42.2	40.7	48.4	54.9	51.2	45.1
Property and business services	102.2	106.0	108.9	108.4	112.1	108.0
Government administration and defence	42.1	34.2	35.8	40.2	40.5	38.2
Education	89.6	86.4	96.1	94.8	93.3	84.0
Health and community services	149.8	158.6	160.9	158.0	155.4	155.4
Cultural and recreational services	25.3	21.8	26.2	28.4	28.2	26.2
Personal and other services	35.1	38.0	37.2	42.8	37.8	41.5
Total	926.5	917.9	939.0	954.2	941.0	929.5
PERSONS						
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	86.0	102.4	93.4	78.5	77.1	86.6
Mining	*3.6	*3.4	*3.9	*3.1	5.6	*3.8
Manufacturing	358.9	343.8	341.8	342.4	335.8	357.4
Electricity, gas and water supply	11.9	14.3	15.7	17.6	14.5	16.2
Construction	132.4	138.7	142.5	144.8	150.3	142.2
Wholesale trade	130.0	132.4	145.7	145.9	126.4	126.7
Retail trade	317.6	321.7	308.7	308.9	326.6	337.6
Accommodation, cafes and restaurants	85.8	78.8	89.1	90.4	89.8	86.3
Transport and storage	92.6	103.4	97.6	88.9	95.3	100.6
Communication services	38.5	36.5	34.8	39.0	39.6	39.4
Finance and insurance	88.8	83.3	88.7	98.7	101.6	90.5
Property and business services	233.9	237.0	244.5	258.1	260.5	246.3
Government administration and defence	80.4	71.7	72.0	76.1	72.0	66.8
Education	142.8	135.7	146.2	136.2	131.7	124.4
Health and community services	189.7	195.2	201.3	196.4	200.4	202.0
Cultural and recreational services	53.7	50.2	52.8	54.0	54.6	51.4
Personal and other services	78.0	76.5	82.9	82.1	78.0	82.8
Total	2 124.4	2 125.1	2 161.6	2 161.1	2 159.8	2 160.8

Source: Labour Force, Victoria (Cat. no. 6202.2) (quarterly).

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JOB VACANCIES

Month	'000	Industry		Sector		Job vacancy rate
		Vacancies all persons	Manufacturing	Other	Public	
1997						
November	*17.9		1.1	*16.8	2.3	*0.97
1998						
February	24.0		*2.5	21.5	1.8	*22.1 1.20
May	20.2		2.2	18.0	1.5	18.7 1.00
August	17.6		0.8	16.8	1.9	15.7 0.84
November	26.9		*1.2	*25.7	1.9	25.0 1.30
1999						
February	12.5		*1.0	*11.5	*2.4	10.2 0.61

Source: *Job Vacancies and Overtime, Australia* (Cat. no. 6354.0) (quarterly); *Unpublished data, Quarterly Survey of Job Vacancies and Overtime*.

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INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES CAUSING STOPPAGE OF WORK

Month	Disputes		Employees involved				Working days lost		
	Beginning in period	Total	Beginning in period	Total	Manufacturing	Construction	Education, health, community services	Other industries	Total
1997									
November	8	13	22.1	46.6	18.9	10.4	14.8	2.0	46.0
December	6	11	4.0	17.2	9.4	3.7	—	4.2	17.3
1998									
January	5	7	0.5	1.1	0.9	0.3	—	0.3	1.5
February	8	10	17.2	17.6	7.8	1.3	14.3	4.0	27.4
March	6	11	5.7	14.1	5.4	14.7	4.4	0.5	25.0
April	11	17	6.3	9.1	2.6	4.0	0.5	0.7	7.8
May	5	7	42.1	55.7	15.1	23.1	13.9	1.3	53.4
June	8	10	3.0	19.5	0.2	17.7	—	0.4	18.3
July	14	18	3.5	4.3	5.3	0.7	0.1	0.1	6.1
August	14	15	12.3	12.5	0.3	2.9	2.0	6.7	11.9
September	19	22	14.0	16.0	12.4	5.3	2.3	1.8	21.8
October	11	12	1.9	1.9	1.4	1.0	—	1.4	3.8
November	15	16	12.7	12.8	3.9	0.3	10.0	3.3	17.4
December	17	20	3.0	4.6	2.7	1.4	—	1.3	5.4
1999									
January	5	7	1.3	1.6	2.6	0.5	—	1.2	4.3

Source: *Industrial Disputes, Australia* (Cat. no. 6321.0) (monthly).

Month	Males			Females			Persons		
	Full-time adult ordinary time earnings	Full-time adult total earnings	All males total earnings	Full-time adult ordinary time earnings	Full-time adult total earnings	All females total earnings	Full-time adult ordinary time earnings	Full-time adult total earnings	All employees total earnings
1997									
August	754.20	812.70	695.20	625.80	643.40	460.40	708.10	751.90	587.20
November	748.50	807.60	714.90	632.90	653.10	463.60	708.10	753.60	600.60
1998									
February	762.20	823.10	722.00	634.90	650.70	477.70	716.80	761.60	610.40
May	767.60	825.30	701.50	646.30	660.40	470.40	724.80	767.00	596.30
August	770.90	826.30	704.30	650.20	662.70	475.60	728.00	768.20	600.90
November	781.80	842.10	716.80	657.40	673.30	473.90	736.30	780.30	602.40

Source: Average Weekly Earnings, States and Australia (Cat. no. 6302.0) (quarterly).

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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX—MELBOURNE

Period	Food	Clothing	Housing	Household equipment and operation	Transportation	Tobacco and alcohol	Health and personal care	Recreation and education	Melbourne		Weighted average of eight capital cities—All groups
									All groups	1995–96	
1995–96	114.1	108.0	101.4	113.0	122.6	154.2	148.7	120.3	118.4	118.7	
1996–97	118.6	108.4	95.0	114.7	124.0	158.5	157.1	123.3	119.9	120.3	
1997–98	120.5	108.9	86.5	115.0	123.3	161.4	162.2	127.6	119.8	120.3	
1997											
December qtr	119.7	109.2	86.9	115.4	124.4	161.2	162.2	126.2	119.8	120.0	
1998											
March qtr	120.7	109.0	84.1	115.1	122.1	162.0	163.6	129.4	119.6	120.3	
June qtr	121.6	108.9	86.2	115.1	122.0	163.9	165.8	128.8	120.3	121.0	
September qtr	123.6	108.9	85.3	115.3	121.0	165.0	166.7	128.4	120.4	121.3	
December qtr	124.3	108.2	86.6	115.3	120.6	166.0	165.3	129.0	120.8	121.9	
1999											
March qtr	125.8	107.5	87.3	114.7	119.9	167.6	155.7	131.0	121.0	121.8	

Base of each group: year 1989–90=100.0

Source: Consumer Price Index (Cat. no. 6401.0) (quarterly).

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PRICE INDEX OF MATERIALS USED IN BUILDING—MELBOURNE

Group	1995–96	1996–97	1997–98	1998–1999			Weighted average of six state capital cities—Mar qtr 1999
				Sep qtr	Dec qtr	Mar qtr	
House building							
All groups	115.4	115.3	117.1	118.6	118.1	117.7	119.5
Other than house building							
Structural timber	116.1	110.1	115.6	118.3	117.7	116.6	125.9
Clay bricks	112.1	113.1	117.9	119.7	119.6	119.6	119.3
Ready mix concrete	118.6	111.5	111.4	112.4	113.5	112.5	105.9
Precast concrete products	108.1	110.3	115.7	123.6	122.6	126.6	124.6
Steel decking and cladding	109.9	109.2	109.4	108.3	108.3	108.1	114.3
Structural steel	100.9	104.2	104.9	104.8	104.8	104.9	113.5
Reinforcing steel bar, mesh, etc.	102.7	100.7	100.8	100.3	99.9	99.1	109.6
Aluminium windows	100.8	100.6	100.0	99.7	100.0	100.1	110.5
Fabricated steel products	113.1	116.7	120.0	124.6	124.6	124.6	117.7
Builders' hardware	114.5	116.5	119.6	121.4	122.2	122.9	123.5
Sand and aggregate	114.6	115.9	116.3	119.6	119.6	121.3	122.2
Carpet	101.6	101.6	102.6	101.9	99.9	99.6	101.8
Paint and other coatings	141.2	145.8	144.7	148.6	155.0	154.9	144.2
Non-ferrous pipes and fittings	112.2	111.5	113.0	109.4	111.8	111.8	126.8
All groups excluding electrical materials and mechanical services	109.7	110.0	111.0	112.0	112.3	112.2	114.4
All electrical materials	119.4	112.0	109.8	108.6	111.8	114.3	118.7
All mechanical services	114.1	115.0	114.9	116.2	118.4	118.9	118.0
All plumbing materials	118.9	120.1	122.8	123.0	123.0	122.7	125.8
All groups	111.1	110.9	111.4	112.4	113.2	113.3	115.2

Base of each index: year 1989–90=100.0.

Source: Price Index of Materials Used in Building Other Than House Building, Six State Capital Cities (Cat. no. 6407.0) (quarterly). Price Index of Materials Used in House Building, Six State Capital Cities (Cat. no. 6408.0) (quarterly).

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LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERINGS

Period	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Lambs	Pigs
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000
1995-96	1 523.6	589.8	2 488.0	5 897.7	1 335.5
1996-97	1 675.9	697.3	2 806.6	5 978.9	1 397.2
1997-98	1 797.2	769.9	3 323.3	6 340.3	1 567.7
1997					
December	163.9	11.8	340.5	583.1	136.7
1998					
January	165.3	11.1	339.3	539.2	121.3
February	159.4	8.3	367.2	525.7	117.1
March	159.4	21.2	365.5	506.8	134.0
April	163.2	33.7	268.6	547.4	140.3
May	141.2	41.9	183.5	478.4	144.0
June	146.9	64.4	203.1	481.0	149.6
July	156.2	106.4	219.8	581.4	157.1
August	122.6	164.1	190.5	538.7	134.6
September	141.1	174.3	216.0	619.2	135.4
October	157.0	97.3	258.6	561.8	131.1
November	155.9	21.8	271.8	590.8	129.7
December	155.2	10.7	227.0	595.6	143.3
1999					
January r	156.0	6.5	254.6	555.7	102.8
February r	161.4	6.3	293.8	540.1	111.0
March	149.2	16.5	289.4	564.7	132.9

Source: *Livestock Products, Australia* (Cat. no. 7215.0) (monthly prior to July 1998 and quarterly from September 1998); *Unpublished data, Monthly Livestock Collection*.

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MEAT PRODUCTION

Period	Meat (carcass weight)				
	Beef	Veal	Mutton	Lamb	Pigmeat
	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes
1995-96	348 649	12 009	50 910	110 172	96 195
1996-97	373 819	14 293	55 545	111 403	99 226
1997-98	388 959	15 627	64 392	118 922	112 504
1997					
December	35 616	286	6 861	11 001	9 442
1998					
January	35 728	281	6 505	10 135	8 634
February	35 579	205	6 907	10 039	8 064
March	35 112	453	6 995	9 348	9 588
April	34 408	705	4 872	10 294	10 135
May	30 084	839	3 500	9 114	10 383
June	31 220	1 318	3 873	9 063	11 038
July	34 634	2 035	4 318	11 151	11 560
August	27 301	3 230	3 785	10 331	9 732
September	31 548	3 419	4 388	11 911	9 923
October	35 545	1 939	5 390	10 927	9 713
November	35 417	481	5 519	11 604	9 268
December	34 872	257	4 625	10 177	9 751
1999					
January r	35 464	171	5 142	10 589	7 449
February r	38 179	162	5 761	10 368	8 035
March	34 113	352	5 681	10 832	9 635

Source: *Livestock Products, Australia* (Cat. no. 7215.0) (monthly prior to July 1998 and quarterly from September 1998); *Unpublished data, Monthly Livestock Collection*.

Period	New dwelling units(a)												Non-residential building(b)		
	Private sector			Public sector			Total(c)			Conversions etc.(d)	Alterations and additions to residential buildings	Non-residential building(b)			
	no.	\$m	no.	\$m	no.	\$m	no.	\$m	no.			Private sector	Total	Total all building	
MELBOURNE STATISTICAL DIVISION															
1995–96	15 676	1 624.3	1 068	86.5	16 744	1 710.8			617	467.2	1 352.5	1 934.5	4 112.5		
1996–97	19 670	2 185.2	447	35.7	20 117	2 221.0			1 189	592.3	1 527.1	2 303.0	5 116.2		
1997–98	26 490	3 026.5	723	56.0	27 213	3 082.6			1 029	701.2	2 168.2	2 593.0	6 376.8		
1997															
December	2 072	232.1	71	6.1	2 143	238.2			60	43.6	440.7	450.6	732.3		
1998															
January	1 854	230.6	23	1.5	1 877	232.1			74	44.2	174.2	203.1	479.4		
February	2 032	219.7	25	2.0	2 057	221.7			65	56.1	137.7	165.8	443.5		
March	2 633	288.4	11	0.7	2 644	289.1			77	69.3	104.0	117.6	476.0		
April	2 480	296.4	55	3.7	2 535	300.0			47	66.1	172.9	254.2	620.3		
May	2 246	267.7	122	9.3	2 368	277.0			224	72.9	223.9	265.6	615.5		
June	2 237	279.3	91	7.4	2 328	286.7			64	57.1	110.6	173.9	517.7		
July	2 225	257.0	45	3.0	2 270	260.0			134	62.7	142.1	162.2	484.9		
August	2 376	290.3	51	4.2	2 427	294.5			192	69.5	314.2	335.2	699.2		
September	2 334	282.3	33	2.3	2 367	284.7			77	66.7	192.7	246.1	597.5		
October	2 286	300.4	74	5.0	2 360	305.4			51	69.6	216.5	457.2	832.3		
November	2 279	286.7	57	3.7	2 336	290.4			351	76.2	179.5	236.0	602.6		
December	2 398	290.1	54	5.7	2 452	295.8			145	60.5	107.1	133.7	490.1		
1999															
January	1 621	200.3	125	8.8	1 746	209.1			22	41.6	87.9	153.8	404.5		
February	2 594	316.5	51	3.1	2 645	319.6			143	61.7	109.3	206.7	588.0		
TOTAL VICTORIA															
1995–96	21 643	2 171.1	1 401	108.7	23 044	2 279.7			663	590.1	1 721.6	2 452.4	5 322.3		
1996–97	26 014	2 793.3	596	46.7	26 610	2 839.9			1 240	728.5	1 879.7	2 839.8	6 408.2		
1997–98	34 178	3 811.3	1 171	88.6	35 349	3 899.8			1 089	858.5	2 476.9	3 064.5	7 822.8		
1997															
December	2 675	293.5	90	7.9	2 765	301.4			65	55.6	456.7	470.2	827.2		
1998															
January	2 305	278.0	57	3.7	2 362	281.7			77	56.7	201.7	234.1	572.6		
February	2 620	278.5	71	6.0	2 691	284.5			66	67.3	158.3	222.6	574.5		
March	3 413	369.6	49	3.4	3 462	373.0			84	83.1	129.9	148.5	604.6		
April	3 154	363.8	110	7.2	3 264	371.0			49	77.8	201.2	302.7	751.5		
May	2 942	341.0	159	12.6	3 101	353.6			255	89.9	243.4	292.3	735.7		
June	3 010	359.2	179	13.8	3 189	373.0			66	71.3	136.4	213.0	657.3		
July	2 850	321.5	75	4.8	2 925	326.3			138	72.9	174.0	196.7	595.9		
August	3 000	355.6	67	5.3	3 067	360.9			196	78.6	340.5	366.4	806.0		
September	3 192	372.8	48	3.4	3 240	376.2			85	80.7	230.6	302.2	759.0		
October	2 921	368.0	103	7.2	3 024	375.3			55	85.0	242.2	491.2	951.4		
November	2 991	362.4	91	6.5	3 082	368.9			357	90.5	204.2	267.9	727.2		
December	2 955	348.6	61	6.3	3 016	354.9			159	70.2	136.2	177.4	602.4		
1999															
January	2 210	264.0	155	10.9	2 365	274.9			23	52.4	111.6	184.6	511.8		
February	3 288	394.9	83	5.5	3 371	400.4			146	74.9	129.8	255.7	731.1		

(a) Valued at \$10,000 and over.

(b) Valued at \$50,000 and over.

(c) Excludes dwelling units created as a result of conversions or construction of non-residential buildings.

(d) Dwelling units created as a result of conversions or construction of non-residential buildings.

Source: Building Approvals, Victoria (Cat. no. 8731.2) (monthly).

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NEW HOUSES AND OTHER RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS, NUMBER OF DWELLING UNITS

Period	New houses				New other residential buildings			
	Approved	Commenced	Under	Completed	Approved	Commenced	Under	Completed
			Construction				Construction	
no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.
1995–96	18 889	19 399	8 066	21 883	4 155	4 276	3 906	3 086
1996–97	19 805	18 652	8 937	17 613	6 805	6 047	4 151	5 727
1997–98	27 937	25 947	12 503	22 271	7 412	7 509	5 095	6 497
1997								
September qtr	6 732	5 717	9 537	5 102	1 973	1 822	3 874	2 036
December qtr	6 821	7 088	10 720	5 842	1 754	1 958	4 104	1 725
1998								
March qtr	6 577	6 034	11 512	5 242	1 938	1 924	4 806	1 220
June qtr	7 807	7 165	12 368	6 239	1 747	1 894	5 148	1 561
September qtr r	7 526	7 362	12 740	6 951	1 706	2 000	5 404	1 700
December qtr	6 873	7 335	13 353	6 722	2 249	1 550	5 060	1 889

Source: Building Activity, Victoria (Cat. no. 8752.2) (quarterly).

Period	Residential buildings			Non-residential buildings						
	New	Alterations and additions	Shops	Factories	Offices	Education		Health	Other	Total
						\$m	\$m			
COMMENCED										
1995–96	2 486.2	679.7	444.3	249.2	393.5	330.0	108.4	953.5	5 644.8	
1996–97	2 692.2	761.0	348.2	343.8	508.5	410.3	303.6	1 003.3	6 371.1	
1997–98	3 850.5	891.1	598.5	241.8	428.6	270.9	250.2	1 399.8	7 931.4	
1997										
September qtr	845.8	228.4	80.4	58.3	123.8	55.2	46.1	245.8	1 683.7	
December qtr	1 050.3	223.9	124.6	84.3	93.8	70.6	93.9	601.3	2 342.4	
1998										
March qtr	870.9	187.0	134.1	54.1	91.8	65.7	42.6	327.7	1 774.0	
June qtr	1 083.5	251.9	259.4	45.0	119.2	79.4	67.7	225.2	2 131.3	
September qtr r	1 126.0	221.9	111.3	54.9	102.5	132.6	26.7	225.3	2 001.3	
December qtr	1 028.5	271.7	134.5	80.6	114.8	161.8	81.4	452.2	2 298.6	
UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT END OF PERIOD										
1995–96	1 472.5	339.4	235.5	141.4	139.2	248.1	123.9	1 390.9	4 091.0	
1996–97	1 582.3	358.5	284.6	214.9	233.4	310.0	236.2	1 741.7	4 961.6	
1997–98	2 274.1	412.4	406.6	141.9	241.6	320.2	279.8	1 466.0	5 542.6	
1997										
September qtr	1 669.2	388.8	175.4	167.4	193.9	343.2	245.6	920.7	4 104.1	
December qtr	1 836.8	399.4	185.5	160.1	195.5	365.7	303.5	1 304.1	4 750.6	
1998										
March qtr	2 040.0	366.6	210.4	157.6	208.5	307.4	244.8	1 442.2	4 977.5	
June qtr	2 274.1	412.4	406.6	141.9	241.6	320.2	279.8	1 466.0	5 542.6	
September qtr r	2 426.8	412.1	461.0	124.2	237.1	420.3	210.4	1 464.6	5 756.6	
December qtr	2 421.7	439.3	431.5	138.7	243.9	479.4	252.7	1 606.2	6 013.4	
COMPLETED										
1995–96	2 489.6	689.0	715.1	249.9	514.1	302.2	234.7	844.4	6 038.9	
1996–97	2 617.6	768.5	364.8	295.6	404.0	342.0	194.6	1 106.7	6 093.8	
1997–98	3 213.6	866.6	474.7	338.4	449.4	283.2	208.2	1 738.4	7 572.4	
1997										
September qtr	775.5	202.9	193.1	114.5	169.9	30.8	39.6	1 101.1	2 627.5	
December qtr	886.3	219.3	114.6	94.8	102.1	53.7	39.3	236.9	1 747.1	
1998										
March qtr	681.2	227.7	99.6	61.9	85.6	131.1	96.8	201.6	1 585.7	
June qtr	870.5	216.7	67.4	67.2	91.8	67.6	32.4	198.6	1 612.1	
September qtr r	997.9	236.8	88.8	77.0	108.3	33.2	103.7	247.0	1 892.7	
December qtr	1 052.6	251.8	175.9	67.8	127.4	103.4	42.6	303.4	2 124.9	

Source: Building Activity, Victoria (Cat. no. 8752.2) (quarterly).

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PRIVATE NEW CAPITAL EXPENDITURE, BY SELECTED INDUSTRIES AND TYPE OF ASSET

Period	Selected industries				Type of asset	
	Mining	Manufacturing	Other selected industries	Total	New buildings and structures	Equipment, plant and machinery
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
ACTUAL						
1996-97	758	3 447	7 290	11 496	3 379	8 117
1997-98	833	3 401	6 810	11 044	2 859	8 186
1997						
December qtr	295	906	1 898	3 099	784	2 314
1998						
March qtr	163	756	1 527	2 446	615	1 831
June qtr	212	965	1 822	2 998	765	2 233
September qtr	319	723	1 834	2 876	861	2 015
December qtr	288	780	1 907	2 975	813	2 162
EXPECTED						
1998-99	1 340	3 362	7 060	11 761	3 460	8 301
1999-2000	631	3 008	4 587	8 227	1 754	6 473

Source: State Estimates of Private New Capital Expenditure (Cat. no. 5646.0) (quarterly).

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COMMERCIAL FINANCE COMMITMENTS

Month	Fixed loan facilities						Type of lender			
	Construction	Purchase of real property	Purchase of plant and equipment	Wholesale	Other	Total	Revolving credit facilities	Total commitments	Banks	All other lenders
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
1997										
December	167.1	539.6	164.7	123.8	1 729.9	2 725.0	1 862.3	4 587.3	3 996.0	591.3
1998										
January	76.8	483.4	121.9	83.1	372.7	1 137.8	1 359.6	2 497.4	2 154.8	342.6
February	116.4	425.5	119.7	118.4	722.3	1 502.3	2 150.7	3 653.0	2 757.5	895.5
March	220.0	446.7	161.1	91.2	505.5	1 424.6	1 773.0	3 197.7	2 508.2	689.5
April	75.1	418.1	121.5	90.5	744.2	1 449.3	2 033.0	3 482.4	2 496.7	985.6
May	124.6	489.7	117.5	157.3	1 263.6	2 152.7	1 592.5	3 745.2	3 129.8	615.4
June	100.3	628.8	140.0	115.5	1 154.9	2 139.5	1 440.2	3 579.8	3 085.4	494.4
July	112.8	527.1	156.0	100.2	1 112.3	2 008.4	2 243.1	4 251.5	3 570.6	680.9
August	87.4	391.1	113.9	169.3	451.3	1 212.9	2 182.6	3 395.5	2 912.4	483.1
September	113.1	461.6	185.7	78.8	714.5	1 553.6	1 488.9	3 042.5	2 438.7	603.8
October	85.2	461.3	181.2	91.0	441.0	1 259.8	2 389.8	3 649.6	2 889.9	759.7
November	184.9	456.8	187.8	110.6	1 020.7	1 960.9	1 394.7	3 355.6	2 857.4	498.2
December	68.8	477.2	212.0	328.4	946.1	2 032.5	2 742.8	4 775.4	3 681.9	1 093.5
1999										
January r	38.8	358.9	140.5	97.2	451.4	1 086.8	1 220.7	2 307.5	2 102.2	205.3
February	90.4	384.5	179.0	123.0	842.9	1 619.8	2 608.6	4 228.4	3 096.0	1 132.4

Source: ABS Time Series Service (AUSSTATS).

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SECURED HOUSING FINANCE COMMITMENTS, DWELLING UNITS

Month	Original series		Seasonally adjusted		Trend estimates	
	no.	\$m	no.	\$m	no.	\$m
1997						
December	10 192	1 090	10 095	1 068	10 089	1 068
1998						
January	8 187	878	9 998	1 064	10 053	1 063
February	9 961	1 028	10 141	1 069	10 026	1 058
March	10 197	1 080	9 846	1 035	10 029	1 057
April	9 780	1 011	9 875	1 035	10 025	1 058
May	9 986	1 063	10 019	1 062	9 977	1 056
June	11 123	1 183	10 355	1 098	9 887	1 053
July	10 629	1 155	9 819	1 067	r 9 756	1 046
August	9 249	1 013	9 311	1 014	r 9 637	r 1 043
September	9 637	1 041	9 418	1 021	r 9 582	r 1 052
October	9 649	1 060	9 438	1 046	r 9 614	r 1 076
November	9 513	1 109	10 027	1 129	r 9 723	r 1 111
December	9 860	1 160	9 646	1 145	r 9 856	r 1 151
1999						
January r	8 095	983	10 361	1 247	9 978	1 187
February	9 727	1 154	9 892	1 198	10 089	1 220

Source: *Housing Finance for Owner Occupation, Australia* (Cat. no. 5609.0) (monthly).

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RETAIL TURNOVER, BY INDUSTRY (EXCLUDING MOTOR VEHICLES, PARTS, PETROL, ETC.)

Month	Food	Department	Clothing	Household	Recreational	Other	Hospitality	Total
	retailing	stores	and soft good retailing	good retailing	good retailing	retailing	and services	
1997								
December	1 256.5	465.3	245.5	482.2	250.5	383.4	371.9	3 455.3
1998								
January	1 128.9	214.2	155.6	320.1	158.6	254.7	339.4	2 571.5
February	1 022.6	174.2	134.6	280.6	142.7	236.5	297.0	2 288.3
March	1 085.9	208.9	163.8	300.6	150.8	272.9	339.1	2 522.0
April	1 079.1	246.6	189.2	288.6	139.6	281.7	340.2	2 565.1
May	1 093.9	238.9	198.6	304.9	137.6	271.5	344.5	2 589.8
June	1 054.9	211.7	183.6	298.0	135.8	264.8	324.3	2 473.1
July	1 144.1	255.2	200.4	312.9	151.8	284.7	348.5	2 697.6
August	1 118.3	213.4	180.8	303.6	161.5	283.8	357.3	2 618.6
September	1 113.8	228.5	184.4	319.7	167.9	288.7	356.8	2 659.9
October	1 201.4	251.6	193.4	339.5	166.8	315.9	372.5	2 841.2
November	1 158.7	285.6	210.9	323.9	176.9	325.3	367.9	2 849.2
December	1 357.4	499.9	313.1	432.2	260.1	431.1	419.0	3 712.9
1999								
January	1 210.5	227.9	187.8	329.5	167.8	275.3	386.5	2 785.4
February	1 104.6	186.7	166.5	299.9	147.5	r 271.2	368.7	r 2 545.1
March	1 219.1	234.5	214.1	317.3	164.0	330.8	413.3	2 893.0

Source: *Retail Trade, Australia* (Cat. no. 8501.0) (monthly).

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EXPORTS AND IMPORTS, BY SECTIONS OF THE AUSTRALIAN EXPORT AND IMPORT CLASSIFICATIONS(a)

Section	1997-98		9 months ending March 1999	
	Imports	Exports	Imports	Exports
0 Food and live animals chiefly for food	1 171	r 3 652	999	2 964
1 Beverages and tobacco	127	159	105	125
2 Crude materials, inedible (except fuels)	566	r 1 866	445	1 099
3 Mineral fuels, lubricants, and related materials	783	938	814	517
4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	92	111	77	85
5 Chemicals and related products, n.e.c.	2 958	915	2 434	712
6 Manufacturing goods classified chiefly by material	4 311	2 368	3 434	1 814
7 Machinery and transport equipment	12 438	2 970	10 240	2 189
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	5 008	r 978	4 172	775
9 Commodities and transactions of merchandise trade, n.e.c	1 397	r 1 978	987	2 178
Total	28 851	15 935	23 706	12 460

(a) Any discrepancies between sums of the component items and totals are due to rounding.

Source: *Foreign Trade Australia: Fasttracs Database*.

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OVERSEAS TRADE, MAJOR TRADING PARTNERS(a)

Country	1996-97		1997-98		9 months ending March 1999	
	Imports	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports	Exports
Belgium-Luxembourg	242	66	243	91	182	75
Brazil	125	81	134	76	91	36
Canada	394	123	390	122	286	90
China	1 755	658	2 154	624	2 009	446
Fiji	119	236	133	245	137	167
Finland	169	8	193	12	144	7
France	711	162	631	168	479	100
Germany	1 923	280	2 116	268	1 775	318
Hong Kong	267	812	338	1 073	355	712
India	231	239	256	188	204	137
Indonesia	507	428	637	325	846	161
Italy	832	320	963	396	812	231
Japan	3 097	1 523	3 847	1 683	3 127	1 296
Korea, Republic of	671	2 098	882	1 039	608	599
Malaysia	508	669	668	517	656	316
Mexico	64	52	80	77	75	78
Netherlands	237	39	254	81	229	92
New Zealand	1 247	2 140	1 311	1 552	986	1 240
Pakistan	75	55	97	87	68	25
Papua New Guinea	232	269	163	235	51	142
Philippines	108	372	135	388	121	289
Saudi Arabia	203	168	107	210	73	181
Singapore	468	893	492	989	381	690
South Africa	100	292	147	272	93	163
Sweden	502	65	585	41	433	18
Switzerland	241	66	277	24	249	24
Taiwan	792	696	852	657	697	709
Thailand	335	412	400	341	393	257
United Kingdom	1 635	416	1 694	453	1 420	1 044
United States of America	5 944	958	7 027	1 603	5 313	1 070
Other and unknown	1 359	1 710	1 645	2 098	1 411	1 747
Total	25 093	16 306	28 851	15 935	23 706	12 460

(a) The list of countries in this table reflects the volume of trade with Victoria. Information about Victoria's trade with other countries is available on request.

Source: *Overseas Trade: Fasttracs Database*.

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VALUE OF OVERSEAS TRADE—VICTORIA AND AUSTRALIA

Period	Victoria			Australia		
	Imports \$m	Exports \$m	Excess of exports \$m	Imports \$m	Exports (including re-exports) \$m	Excess of exports \$m
1995–96	24 663	15 410	–9 253	77 792	76 005	–1 787
1996–97	25 093	16 306	–8 787	78 998	78 932	–66
1997–98	28 851	15 935	–12 916	90 684	r 87 769	r –2 915
1998						
January	2 268	1 093	–1 175	7 109	6 303	–806
February	2 294	1 377	–917	6 956	6 673	–283
March	2 618	1 357	–1 261	8 188	r 7 311	r –877
April	2 367	1 212	–1 155	7 446	7 198	–248
May	2 391	1 402	–989	7 657	r 7 943	r 286
June	2 657	1 209	–1 448	8 466	7 733	–733
July	2 841	1 379	–1 462	8 905	7 471	–1 434
August	2 669	1 541	–1 128	8 145	r 7 750	r –395
September r	2 772	1 430	–1 342	8 544	7 602	–942
October r	2 871	1 449	–1 422	9 002	7 814	–1 188
November r	2 552	1 314	–1 238	8 535	7 288	–1 247
December r	2 570	1 435	–1 135	7 884	7 895	11
1999						
January r	2 301	1 201	–1 100	7 231	6 300	–931
February r	2 274	1 216	–1 058	7 116	6 231	–885
March	2 857	1 495	–1 362	8 709	7 340	–1 369

Source: Overseas Trade: Fasttracs Database.

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TOURIST ACCOMMODATION

Quarter ended	Hotels, motels, guest houses and serviced apartments(a)						
	Establishments	Guest rooms	Bed spaces	Room nights occupied	Room occupancy rate	Persons employed	Takings from accommodation
1997							
September	663	27 476	76 123	1 410.1	55.8	22 746	160 195
December	661	27 616	76 010	1 484.0	58.4	21 478	164 141
1998							
March	668	28 603	77 836	1 534.1	60.1	21 322	175 596
June	669	28 850	78 637	1 415.7	53.9	20 754	153 243
September	676	29 404	80 902	1 464.3	54.4	20 776	169 966
December	682	29 717	81 976	1 602.6	58.7	20 813	182 207

(a) Comprising establishments with 15 or more rooms or units.

Source: Tourist Accommodation, Australia (Cat. no. 8635.0) (quarterly).

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